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# VENEZUELAN ROW IS MORE PACIFIC

England Ready to Arbitrate on Gertain Gonditions; Germany the Only Stumbling Block.

#### OTHER POWERS SAY THEY'LL GO ALONG

Unofficial Report of Castro's Commission to Bowen Impresses Germans Favorably-British Foreign Office Declares That It Will Deal Only with Our State Department-Italy Favors Arbitration, but Will Adhere to Course of the Allies-General Trend of the Day's Developments Distinctly Favorable to a Pacific Adjustment of the Whole Vexed Matter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19,-The official day closed without further developments here regarding the Venezuelan compli- on the minister. cations. The status of the arbitration proposition, on which everyone waits, was that, with a willingness to accept such a solution in principle, no one of the allies was ready to submit unreservedly to arbitration; in each case there were reservations or conditions insisted upon. Respecting the method of arbitration, if it should come to that form of adjustment, it is noted that the feeling is growing that The Hague tribunal should undertake the case. Mr. Bowen, It was understood, wishes to come to Washington in order to personally effect an adjustment with the resident ambassadors of the allies, but while the state department makes no statement upon the point, it is believed that it does not regard this plan with

It is pointed out here, in connection with the project to refer the matter to The Hague tribunal, that in some arbitration. Such is the case, for in stance, where attacks on British and German subjects, and the German lega- Balfour Gives His Understanding of tion at Caracas, and arrests of consus have made the V offense equivalent to attacks on the national honor of the allies, and as such to be atoned for only by an ample apology. The Hague tribunal could not arbitrate such issues, but it is pointed out at the state department that the claims are divisible and that if Prestdent Castro chooses to render the necessary apologies, the remaining questions can properly go to The Hague.

It is believed that the United States government inclines to view that there is a disposition to insist needlessly on guarantees for the payment by Venczuela of any judgment that might be rendered against her by the arbitration. It believes that the force of enlightened public opinion would absolutely insure a settlement of any judgment rendered by the august tribunal and that President Castro would not be sustained by a single American country in defaulting.

## Proposal Is Accepted.

Berlin, Dec. 1.-The answer of Ger many to the arbitration proposal in behalf of Venezuela received through the United States government, is its ac centance. The delivery of this reply to the United States for transmission to Minister Bowen is delayed for a day or two for tactical reasons, probably through the expectation that another solution may be found, possibly by President Castro vielding.

Four days ago the idea of the German government was in favor of re jecting arbitration, and that is understood here to have been the temper of the British foreign office. While impossible to trace the steps that led to a reversal of this view, it appears that the state of public opinion in the United States, so far as Germany is concerned, produced a revision of the

## The British Reply.

London, Dec. 19.-Great Britain has sent a reply to the United States in regard to the suggestion that the Venezuclan question should be submitted to arbitration. The tenor of this reply, it is expected here, will tend to bring about some arrangement for a satisfactory solution, while thoroughly safeguarding the interests of the powers concerned. The note announcing that Great Britain had sent a reply to the United States adds:

'The statements issuing from Caracas to the effect that President Castro has empowered Minister Bowen to act as the representative of Venezuela are re garded in London as open to question. Any such action on the part of President Castro would be considered wholly beside the mark. The powers concorned will deal solely with the United States in the matter of arbitration. The government of President Castro will not be consulted in any form, not even as to the terms on which arbitration might be acceptable to the powers."

## What France Wants.

Paris, Dec. 19.-The foreign office here desires to have it understood that the note sent to the French charge d'affaires at Caracas does not ask Venezuela to give preferential treatment to French claims, but only treatment equal to that which the other powers may receive through their recourse to force. This applies only to claims which have arisen since 1899, previous claims being submitted to arbitration.

Concerning recent claims, France first offered to permit the Venezuelan courts to pass upon them, but since Germany and Great Britain expect to forcible collection, the French charge for each man

d'affaires has now been ordered to inform Venezuela that France expects the same advantages in the adjustment of claims as Venezuela grants to Germany and Great Britain. This is not intended as a coercive measure, but only to secure for France equal treatment with the other powers.

#### Holland Takes a Hand.

Paris, Dec. 19 .- A dispatch from The Hague says that the government of give the company an order for haul-Holland has dispatched several war-ing. Expenses accumulated and the reships to the island of Curação to protect Dutch subjects and to observe disband. events. The dispatch adds that it is possible that Holland will join in the action of the allied powers against Venezuela.

#### Cruiser Ordered to La Guayra.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.-Th Inited States cruiser Albany has been ordered to La Guayra. She will return here immediately from that port. This step is taken in accordance with in-Moody structions from Secretary ransmitted through Admiral Dewey. Washington, Dec. 19.-The explanation of the visit of the cruiser Albany to La Guayra, from which place she i o return immediately to her position with Admiral Dewey's command, which s made here, is that she is to trans port a naval officer to assist Minister Bowen in the discharge of the numer ous duties that suddenly have devolved

#### Arbitration Proposal.

Caracas, Dec. 19.-The Venezuelan government has received information from Washington that its proposal for government the arbitration or the adjustment of the British, German and Italian difficuities have been transmitted by Secretary Hay to the governments in ques tion. Answer to these proposals canno e expected here before tomorrow.

The Venezuelan people are still wait ing with considrable excitement the replies from these powers. They cannot understand that their country, after having raised and armed 43,000 men who have not had a chance to fight and who, consequently, have not been de feated, should be reduced to accept arbitration or any other method of set

tlement. Caracas is quiet but business here is

#### BLOCKADE NOT OBJECTED TO.

the American Attitude.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press London, Dec. 19 .- In a printed reply made public today, to the recent question in parliament of Gibson Bowles M. P., Conservative, Premier Balfou says no intlumtion has been received from the government of the United States that it will object to American shipping being interfered with in the event of a blockade of the Venezuelas The objections to the blockade const. which it is proposed to establish havbeen carefully considered. They cannot, however, be altogether removed, as some of them are inherent to that par ticular class of payal operations. Mr Bowles also asked "whether, in view of the destruction by the Germans of two guaboats and the consequent impossibility of holding them as pledges, the government proposed to continue joint a tie vote. action with Germany?" The premier replied in the affirmative.

## DEMONSTRATION AT QUITO.

#### Ecuador's Citizens Parade to Show Sympathy for Castro.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Guayaquil. Dec. 19.-There was a aight as a manifestation of sympathy

with Venezuela. President Castro has manufactures and corporations. replied as follows to President Plaza's "Profound gratitude toward the govrnment and noble people of Ecuador. The national honor is saved, although

## PERU OFFICERS VOLUNTEER.

Ready to Aid Venezuela in Case of Further Hostilities. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

the right of force reigns."

Lima, Dec. 19 .- A number of army here propose cabling their officers names to the president of Venezuela, offering their services in the case of the situation becoming more complicated.

## NEW DELAY ON CANAL TREATY.

Convention May Not Be Ready for Senate Till New Year.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.-Confirmation the Panama canal treaty with Colombia has again been moved into the future. It is now said that no treaty can be ex-pected before Christmas and probably not until the begining of next year.

## Four Hundred Thousand Destitute.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.-Four hundred housand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop ailure in Finland. The Anglo-American burch has undertaken to feed and cloths the school children of four Finnish and Pastor Francis has issued at appeal for assistance in this work. says the conditions today are worse than hose of 1867, when 100,000 persons died.

## Victims of Premature Blast.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. killed to-day by a premature blast in the quarries of the York and Peach Bottom Slate company at Delta. The victims were Thomas G. Williams, a foreman and an unknown Italian laborer. The men were preparing to set off a blas when the dynamite exploded

## St. Louis Men Convicted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press St. Louis, Dec. 19.—The joint trial of fiv former members of the house of delegates which began Tuesday ended tonight in a preference by the adoption of verdict of five years in the penitentiary

#### FIRE COMPANY BOYCOTTED.

Some Members Worked During the Strike-Company Now Dishands.

ty Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mount Carmel, Pa., Dec. 19.-The \$4. 00 hook and ladder truck and house of the Mount Carmel Hook and Ladder company were sold to private par-ties here today, the company having disbanded last night with eighty members in service.

When the coal strike was inaugurated there were 300 members. A few persisted in remaining at work in the mines. They could not be ousted from the company, so everybody else or strike finally resigned. The company was boycotted. The company's two horses, which, when not in service, were used for hauling coal and ice, were no longer needed, as no one would maining non-union members decided to

#### LAURA BIGGAR CONSPIRACY CASE

Said She Consented to a Quiet Marriage Because She Did Not Want to Be Talked About.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Freehold, N. J., Dec. 19,-Dr. Hen dricks, one of the defendants in the case against Laura Biggar and others for alleged conspiracy to get Harry M Bermett's estate, was one of the witnesses at the trial today. He said P. J. McNulty and Attorney Watterson, of Pitisburg, called at the Bayonne sanitarium to see Miss Biggar regarding the Bennett estate.

The witness said his only interest in the will was to have it probated and that at the time of Mr. McNulty's call, the question was discussed whether Miss Biggar would be better off as a common law wife of Mr. Bennett than in her present condition. Willis S. Biggar, son of Miss Biggar

and her former husband, J. W. McConnell, an actor, testified that his father McConnell, came from the west to see Mr. Bennett before the latter's dath. P. J. McNulty testified as to his part in employing a Pittsburg detective to unearth the alleged conspiracy. Laura Biggar took the witness stand

married to J. W. McConnell, the father of the boy known as Willis Biggar, 14 or 15 years ago. On Thanksgiving day, 1897, Mr. Hennett proposed to her.

He insisted there were no obstacles in the way of their marriage. Letters passed between them nearly every day she consented to a quiet marriage be- shall tend to deceive the purchaser. cause she did not want the public to talk about her.

#### PROVIDING FOR NEW CABINET MEMBER

Bill to Create Commerce Department to Be Reported Favorably-Three New Bureaus to Be Created.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19 .- The house comnittee on interstate commerce today ordered a favorable report on the department of commerce bill. The vote on reporting it stood 5 to 3. The provision for including the bureau of labor in the new department was retained on

The bill us it will come from the house committee will embrace within the proposed department of commerce the lighthouse board, the lighthouse service, national bureau of standards, coast and geodetic survey, bureau of immigration, fish commission, bureau of statistics of the Treasury departnent, bureau of foreign commerce of the State department, fur seal and salarge parade in the streets of Quito last mon fisheries, bureau of labor and census and three new bureaus-insurance,

The province and duty of the proposed bureau of corporations is, under the direction of the secretary of commerce, to gather, compile and supply useful information concerning corpor ations engaged in interstate or foreign ommerce.

## Murderer Hanged.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Newroads, La., Dec. 19.-Willis Willlams, colored, burglar and murderer, was nanged here today in the presence of .000 people. The crime for which Willlams was executed was the murder of young Albert Herbert at Fordah station this parish, in September, 1901. At th of the murder Williams had just time scaped from a state convict camp where was serving a thirty years' sentence in the ponitentlary.

Wounded Burglar Dies. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 19,-The burglar shot by Rev. D. B. Shellenberger, at Bannerville, this county, on Nov. 30, died this vening in his cell at the county jail. The burglar died without revealing his name Rev. Mr. Shallenberger is the postmaster at Bannerville and he shot the burglat while the latter was robbing the post-

## Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 19.-Cleared: Lucania, iverpool; Vaderland, Antwerp; Noordam Soulogne and Rotterdam; Ethiopio, Glas-tow; Patricia, Hamburg, Rotterdam— Arrived; Ryndam, New York, Sciency— KOW: Arrived sed-Moitke, New York for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg.

## Fatal Boiler Explosion.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Whitehall, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Horace Be-mus was instantly killed, Charles Holcomb fatally injured, and Fred Bemus and Daniel Flaherty seriously hurt by the explosion of a boiler in the H. H. Matthews red slate quarry at East Whitchall to-day.

#### Heavy Judgment Entered By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 19.-Judgment by de fault for \$216,235.53 was entered to-day against the Munn Wired Envelope company in favor of William Gow for money advanced and for advertising. An execu-tion against the corporation's property was issued to the sheriff.

## ADULTERATED **FOOD IS NOW** INHIBITED

House Without a Quorum Passes Stringent Measure Safeguarding the Public Health.

#### THE FINAL VOTE STANDS 72 TO 21

Sweeping Provisions Against the Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities to Transport the Commerce in Doctored Foods or Articles Not Conforming to Recognized Standards of Purity-Measure One of Far-reaching Importance.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.-The house today passed the pure food bill by a vote of seventy-two to twenty-one. There was not a quorum present, but the point was not raised by the opposition to the measure. The bill inhibits the introduction into any state, or territory or District of Columbia, from any other state or territory, or the District of Columbia, or from any foreign country, or to the shipments to any foreign country, of any article of food or drug which is adulterated or misbranded. The above inhibition is made to apply to any one shipping, delivering or receiving within the regions named, any such food so adulterated. Adulterations in the bill are defined as follows:

In the case of drugs, if sold under name recognized in the United States Pharmacopeia and the drug differs from the standards of strength, quality or pur ity, as determined by the test laid down such pharmacopoela at the time of the investigation, so that its strength of purity falls below the professed standard under which it is sold; if it be an imthis afternoon and swore that she was litation of, or offered for sale under the name of another article, and in the case of a confectionery, if it contain terra aiba, barytes, tale, chrome yellow, or other mineral substances, or poisonous

colors or flavors. In the case of food, when any substance is mixed with it so as to lower or injur-lously affect its quality or strength, so and she finally accepted him. She said that such product when offered for sale If any substance or substances have been substituted so that the product when sold shall tend to deceive the

nirchaser. If any valuable constituent of an article s been wholly or in part abstracted, it be an imitation of or offered for sale the distinctive name of another crticle.

If it be mixed, colored, powdered or stained in a manner whereby damage or inferiority is concealed. If it contain any added or poisonous in gredlent which may render such article inclous to health

If it is falsely labeled as a foreign product, or is in imitation of another sub-stance of a previously established name, or which has been trademarked or pat-If it consists in whole or in part of

flithy, decomposed, or putrid animal or vegetable substance, or any portion of an animal unfit for food, or if it is the product of a diseased animal or one has died otherwise than by slaughter. .tp-tandgm:-aaiNamei:vt ASU .Sh- hrd The last section of the bill provides

that any article of food or drug that is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this bill, and is transported, or being transported from one state to another for sale, or if it be sold in the District of Columbia or the territories, or if it be imported from a foreign country, shall be liable to confiscation by a process of libel for conlemnation in the United States courts. Such goods, it is also provided, shall not be sold in any state contrary to the Constabulary and Manila Police Colaws thereof.

#### CUBAN TREATY FOR SENATE. President Decides That House Vote

on It Is Unnecessary. ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—The president has concluded that it will not be necessary to send the Cuban reciprocity treaty to the house of representatives. It is said that the house may satisfy itself by passing upon the reciprocity proposition incidental to the consideration of some legislation which will be necessary to give effect to the treaty, though that docu-ment will be ratified solely by the senate if ratified at all in Washington.

## Third Class City Convention.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 19.—The committee composed of the mayors and solicitors of third class cities of the state appointed by the Pennsylvania League of Third Class Cities, adjourned today. The suggestions of Solicitor Schoonmaker, of Bradford, and Solicitor John A. Gardner, of New Castle, recommending that attempts be made to have legislation en-teted giving hospitals and poor farms the ight of eminent domain, and regarding the revision of the system of assessments upon local or lateral sekers, respectively, were approved.

## Trainmen Get More Pay.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hagleton, Dec. 19.—Beginning with Jan-iary 1, the wages of the Lehigh Valley ailroad brakemen on the Packerton reight and coal runs of the Hazieton and Mahanoy divslion, will be increased from \$1.75 to \$1.85 and of flagman from \$1.85 to Brakeman on the mine \$1.95 per day. runs and yard engines will be advance \$1.90 to \$2.00 and all runs from \$1.8 to \$1.85.

## No Prize Fights in Michigan.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 19.-Governor Bliss will not permit the McClovern-Corbett will not be mit the McGovern-Cornett light which was to have been held in Detroit next month before the Metropolitan Athletic club. He woote today to She iff Dickson, of Wayne county, calling his attention to the law on the subject and teliing him that he expected him as shoriff see that the fight was not held i Detroit.

#### INTERSTATE AGREEMENT. Between Operators and Miners May

Be Amended.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Indianapolis, Dec. 19.-The interstate agreement between the operators and niners may be amended at the national convention here in January and February to include Iowa. The operators of Iowa have been willing to join Indiana, Pennsylvania and other states at the last three conventions, but they were debarred largely because of the opposition of the operators of the Pittsburg district.

The objection was that the Iowa operators did not have an association like the other states in the agreement. The lowa operators recently organized, and they have just employed John P. Reese. president of the Iowa miners, as their commissioner.

It is understood that the Iowa operators will have operators here to ask admission. Reese, as president of the Iowa miners, made two hard fights to get them included in the agreement.

#### POETESS OF PASSION SHOT BY A LOVER

She Was a Linguist, an Anarchist and a Disciple and Friend of Emma Goldman.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 1.-Voltairine Le Cleyere, a noted anarchist and a teacher of languages, was today shot and mortally wounded by Herman Helscher, a former pupil. The woman is dying in a hospital and Helscher is in custody, Unrequited love is said to have prompt ed the deed. When arrested Helscher's only explanation was:

"We were sweethearts, she and I. She broke my heart and deserved to be

killed. Miss Le Cleyre is 36 years of age and her assailant is 24. The shooting occurred on the street in broad daylight and was witnessed by a score I persons. Miss Le Cleyre was standing at a street corner awaiting a car. Helseher, who had disguised himself by means of a false moustache, approached her from the rear and accosted her. Almost at the same moment he drew a revolver from his pocket and pointed at the woman, who turned and attempted to run away. She had gone only a few steps when Helscher began firing upon her. After discharging five shots at the fleeing woman, three of which took effect, he replaced the pistol in his pocket and started to walk away. He made no effort to escape and was im-

mediately arrested. Two bullets took effect in the woman's right side, below the shoulder and another embedded itself in the right ide of the chest. The physicians hold out no hope for her recovery

Miss Le Clevre has attained widespread notoriety through her anarchistic utterances and her intimacy with Emma Goldman and other anarchists. She is an accomplished linguist and musician and has written much anarchistic literature and many erotic

#### poems. TO MAKE THEM STOCKHOLDERS. Plan of the Republic Iron and Steel

Company. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 19 .- Notice has been reeived at the offices of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin ers from the Republic Iron and Steel that a plan for making the workmen in those plants stockholders in

the company, will be presented to the next convention at Columbus, Ohio. Plans are now being considered by which the puddlers and finishers em-ployed in the mills of this company can become stockholders and it is probable scheme will be ratified by the convention. The officials of the Republic Iron and Steel company have decided that if the plan is adopted the men will be given representation on the board of

## ROUNDING UP LUZON BANDITS.

operate-Cordon Protects City. y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, Dec. 19.—The round-up of Ladrones in Rizal province is proceeding. large force of constabulary is in the field nd the Manila police are co-operating with it. They have cordoned the north boundary of the city to prevent the ban-

dits from entering. The United States Asiatic fleet is assembling for the evolutions which are to commence tomorrow and continue for a fortnight. They will consist largely in landing tactics and the seizure, fortify ing and supplying of a naval base on the west coast of the Island of Luzon. The battleship Kentucky is here and the Oregon is expected daily

#### Street Piano Player Acquitted. By Exchosive Wire from The Associated Press.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 19.—Antonio Taddal, an Italian, aged 17 years, who, on last July 4, shot John Trayer, Edward Hartman and Samuel Stitzel, young men who had assaulted him after having tried to pick a fight with him, while he was playing a street plane, and all three of whom subsequently died of their injuries, was acquitted in court here to-day dai claimed self-defense and said that he killed the three men to save his own

## Killed in Train Crash.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bradford, Pa., Dec. 19.-A car heavily ouded with lumber on May's Siding, near Wetmore, on the Philadelphia and Erie, ran away early to-day, down a steep grade and rushed into a double header freight going east. The lumber on the gineers in the wreck, killing them in stantly and injuring three other

## Roche Gets One Month.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Dublin, Dec. 19.-John Roche, member of parliament for East Galway, was sen tenced by the Crimes court at Roscommon today to a month's imprisonment in de-fault of ball on the charge of unlawful

## Bill for Safety Appliances.

Exclusive Wite from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.-The house committee on commerce today reported fa-vorably the bill requiring safety appli-ances for coupling cars. Some slight amendments were recommended.

# **NON-UNIONISTS** TELL MORE TALES

#### SHOOTING IN IOWA.

Two Officers Mortally Wounded and Another Man Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 19.—City Marshal R. W. Coulter and Justice A. E. Mus-grave were mortally wounded tonight at Farmington, Iowa, by George Stillwell, a deputy fish commissioner, who afterward was shot to death by a posse Coulter attempted to arrest Siliwell on a warrant charging him with dis

turbing the peace. Stillwell shot Coulter in the stomach and in the shoulder. Stillwell then ran up the street and shot Musgrave in the head, because, it is said, the justice had recently sent him to jail on

charge of disorderly conduct. Stillwell then went home, re-loaded his revolver, took a rifle and started across the country with a posses of armed citizens in pursuit. He was overtaken and held the posse at bay for nearly an hour.

He was wounded several times, but finally was overpowered and riddled with bullets. None of the posse was hit.

#### WANTED ROOSEVELT ARRESTED Man Laboring Under Excitement and Heavily Armed.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 19.-"I want a war-ant for President Roosevelt." said Chas. C. White, a well-to-do citizen today at the Central police station. Addressing Captain Grover, White continued: "He lired Tim McCarthy and John Farley to assault me the other day and I was assaulted by them on Eastern ave-

nue. Roosevelt was there in his carriage and encouraged the men while they were striking me. Then the speaker rambled into a long string of complaints against President Roosevelt, and the coal question. The man was laboring under excitement and resisted arrest. He was overpowered and loaded revolver and a razor were found on him. He is held for an examination by

physicians.

## WILL BRING IN MORE WELSH COAL

Anthracite Is Now Selling at \$12.50 and Bituminous at \$7.50 a Ton in New York City.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 19 .- The price of independent coal took another jump today to \$12.50 a ton wholesale at Jersey The price of bituminous advanced to \$7.50 a ton wholesale, freightage to New York not included. At this figure it has once more become profitable to import Weish bltuminous, and large orders have been placed at Swan-

The Welsh coal can be bought at \$2.50 ton, f. o. b. The freight over is figured at eight shillings, or less than the resent cost of freight from New York o Boston. Besides this, a duty of 67 cents a ton must be added to the cost, together with the cost of lighterage insurance and unloading, which is estimated at \$1. This would bring the cost up to \$6.17 a ton, delivered, which fully \$2 less than what the domestic

coal would cost. The present dearth of coal, according to dealers and mine operators who have studied the question, will continue until spring, and the demand will in no way decrease before August of next

vear. Philadelphia, Dec. 19,-The board of education today notified the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, which has the contract for furnishing coal to the schools of this city, that the Central High school has but three tons of coal on hand and that unless a supplly is obtained by Monday next the school will be forced to close. The James Lo gan Public school was closed today on

#### account of the coal shortage. DUN'S TRADE REVIEW

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 19.-R. G. Dun & Co.

Weekly Review of Trade to-morrow will Hollday trade has exceeded even the most sauguine expectations, and retail dealings in all staple lines of merchandise are well maintained with the better say, the commission has learned from grade of goods in brisk demand. Wholesome conditions prevail in most sections of the country. Industrial plants are well employed, orders running far into the future, and labor controversies are rure. The only adverse feature of the situation is the fact that suplies of fuel

re utterly inadequate. Fallures for last week numbered 2s7 in and 16 in Canada, compared with 27 year ago.

#### Gwatkin Goes to Guatemala. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19,-Charles Gwatkin, formerly general eastern agent of the Wisconsin Central railroad, has of the Wisconsin Central railroad, has been appointed general manager of the Guatemala Northern railroad, with head-quarters at Guatemala City, Guatemala. Mr. Gwatkin will leave New York for his new post on next Sunday. Mr. Gwatkin entered the railroad service in 1880 as agent of the Great Western Despatch Fast Preight line at Binghamton, N. Since that time he has held positions sponsibility with various railroads

## Civil Engineer Stabbed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Louis, Dec. 19.-J. W. Barringer, Jr. a civil engineer in the employ of the St. Louis, Memphis and South-eastern railroad, was stabled to death by S. M. Morion to-day in the granite building. No motive is known for the deed. At the police station Morton made unsuccessful attempt to commit an unsuccessfu cide by poison.

## Pensions Granted

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, Dec. 19.—George Dodge (dead), of Scranton, \$12; Emelia Dodge (widow), of Scranton, \$6; Hannah Lloyd (widow), of Scranton, \$8; Patrick Scully, of Miner's Mills, \$12.

## Lawyers Strive to Bring Grimes Home to Union by Showing Participation of Officers.

## **EXPLANATION FROM** THE COMMISSION

No Imputation Against the Good Faith of Pennsylvania Company's Representatives Contained in the Remarks of Chairman Gray About Inadequacies of Statistics-Amusement Occasioned by the Cross-Examination of George W. Bowen, the Poet-Miner-Poems He Wrote Some Time Ago Lauding the Union and Denouncing Non-unionists, He Declared Were "Shielded Satires." Details of the Witnesses' Stories.

Another day was spent by the mine strike commission yesterday, listening to tales of the sufferings the non-union men endured during the strike. The stories, substantially, were a repetition of those of the day before. Dynamiting, boycotting, bombarding houses, shooting, stabbing, clubbing, hanging in effigy, threats, intimidation and terrorizing in general were detailed from the witness stand by men, women and children in a manner which could not help but convince the commissioners that the "inalienable constitutional right" of a man to sell his labor when where and how he chooses was, to say the least, seriously questioned in the

territory covered by the strike. Attorneys Joseph O'Brien and John T. Lenahan, who conducted the direct examinations, were particularly zealous in bringing the various offenses to the door of the union. In many instances they showed immediately or inferentially that officers of locals were the leading offenders. Attorneys Darrow, McCarthy and Murphy, who are the cross-examiners for the miners devoted most of their energies to efforts at disproving or throwing doubt on the eres that the union had any connection with terrorizing. President Mitchell was constantly suggesting questions to the attorneys to aid these ef-

forts. Judge Gray frequently inquired of wirnesses as to whether or not they had taken other men's places. was shown that the man had simply continued at his own job or took a new place created by reason of the strike, such as extra watchman or the like. Judge Gray made some sign or comment indicating his appreciation of

## the significance of this.

Pretty Fair Wages. In the non-unionists'" statement filed ar the opening of the case, claim is incidentally made for increased wages, Several times, yesterday, Mr. Darrow, on cross-examination, would remark that the non-unionists' lawyers had neglected to ask him anything about the demand for higher wages and then would question the witness as to his views on this point. The witness, as a rule, would say he was getting pretty

fair wages, but would like something more if he could get it. At the opening of the morning session Judge Gray made reference to the incident regarding the apparent diserepancies between the statements made by the Pennsylvania Coal company concerning the wages paid the fathers of the Dunmore silk mill girls and the claims of their fathers as to what their wages really were. The

judge sald: "In justice to Major Warren and Mr. May it is only fair to state that there was not the slightest imputation of their good faith. What the chairman said was that a mistake-a natural one under the circumstances-if a mistake was made, tended to shake the faith of the commission in the statistics that had been filed. Since then, I want to Dr. Neill, the assistant recorder, with whom the statistics were filed, that, in filing them, the auditor specifically called his attention to the fact that the company had no means of knowing whether the money paid the contract miner-the only one the company deals with-represented the earnings of two. the United States, against 265 last year, three or four men. Major Warren and Mr. May were deceived by information gathered over the telephone, hurriedly. it was either given to them incorrectly or they misinterpreted it. If a wrong impression has been created by the remarks of the chairman on that occasion. I trust this statement will correct

## Two Handed Places.

Major Warren said, in way of explanation, that the collieries where the men in question worked are designated

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## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Dec. 19, 1902; Highest temperature...... Lowest temperature ...... Relative humidity: 69 per cen Precipitation, 34 hours ended 8 p.

#### ++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washinton, Dec. 19.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania — Cloudy Saturday; rain at night and Sunday; Sunday; light to fresh south